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2882

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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
Ananda K. Bandyopadhyay, Seon-Mee Cho, Haiying Fu, Easwar Srinivasan and David Mordo

For: **METHOD TO IMPROVE MECHANICAL STRENGTH OF LOW-K DIELECTRIC FILM
USING MODULATED UV EXPOSURE**

Assigned to: Novellus Systems, Inc.

Application Elements:

- ☒ 24 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ 5 Sheets of formal Drawings
- ☒ 3 Sets Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☒ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☒ Assignment(s) and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

- ☐ Priority of _____ Application No. _____ filed on _____
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ The certified copy is enclosed.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No. _____
- ☐ The certified copy will follow.

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

- ☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	57	MINUS	20	= 37.00	x 18 =	666.00
INDEP.	3	MINUS	3	= 0	x 86 =	0.00
[] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$290 =	
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$770 =	770.00
TOTAL						1436.00
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- ☒ Check No. 8925 in the amount of \$1476.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NOVLP088).

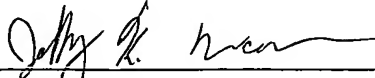
General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

- ☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NOVLP088).
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In re application of: Bandyopadhyay et al.

Attorney Docket No.: NOVLP088/NVLS-2882

Application No.: NEW

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Title: METHOD TO IMPROVE MECHANICAL
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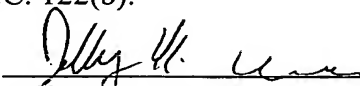
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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
(35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i))**

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Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen (18) months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application **NOT** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Date: April 16, 2004
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Registration No. 31,314**NOTE:**

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application upon filing.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications, eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign of international application. Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).